

## JOCKEY COCHRAN SUSPENDED

Under Contract to Ride for Whitney Next Season—Nitrate Wins the Jackson Handicap at New Orleans—The Big Day for Backers' and Favorites.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 8.—A sensation was sprung this afternoon, when the stewards announced that Jockey H. H. Jackson had ridden on Amiger in the second race. Amiger has been riding in poor form here of late, pulling out of a bunch whenever he got in close quarters and going to the extreme outside, thereby turning whatever chances his mount had of winning. In any number of races he has gotten in a half or first and taken it to the extreme outside. This happened on numerous occasions when he was riding heavily backed favorites. There has been a great deal of complaining by the public on account of Cochran's riding

chance. The general opinion among horsemen to-night was that the stewards did right in suspending the boy Cochran as under the contract to do the lightweight riding. The ruling was made on the basis of the \$10,000 a year. The official ruling in the matter is that, "for his apparent inconsistent and indifferent riding Jockey Cochran is suspended for one year."

Although it was known for some time that Jockey L. Smith would not be permitted to ride here again this winter, nevertheless, the fact that he was suspended for one year after the afternoon, stating that Smith would not be permitted to ride here, and, as far as New Orleans is concerned, his suspension stands. Smith, however, at a mild soda water, drew a good crowd and the crowd was so large that the stake was worth \$1,300 to the winner, and a field of nine went to the post. Post Minutes were written 2 to 5, while the Staircase was the second place, 3 to 5, while the Breeze was long delay at the post, caused by the battery, breaking a couple of times. The field was finally sent away, with W. B. Gates in front, and

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